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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS U.S. Forest Service – Ouachita NF Board Camp Project Area

The Ouachita National Forest, Mena Ranger District, is preparing an environmental assessment for Board Camp Project Area. Board Camp Project Area includes approximately 16,284 acres or about 25 square miles; of which 3,395 acres within the project area is privately owned land. The analysis area for Board Camp is composed of Compartments 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917 and 919. Geographically, the project area is primarily to the south of Mena, Arkansas, in Township 3S, Range 28W, Sections 7,8, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 30, and 31 and T3S, R29W, Sections 7, 13-18, 19-24, 25-29 and 35-36, T3S, R30W Sections 11-14 and 24 in Polk County, Arkansas. The purpose of this project is to move the existing conditions of the project area toward the desired conditions, stated as a site specific need, as identified in the Revised Forest Plan for Management Areas 9, and 14. The proposed project is an activity implementing a land management plan and is subject to pre-decisional objection process at 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and available on-line В. proposed project http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ouachita/landmanagement/projects . The EA and supporting documentation is also available for review at the Mena District office. The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of this legal notice. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments §218.2 regarding the proposed project or activity during the public comment period are eligible to file an objection §218.24(b)(6). For issues to be raised in objections, they must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. Mail written comments to District Ranger, 1603 Hwy 71 North, Mena, AR 71953 or fax to 479-394-2389. Oral or handdelivered comments may be submitted at the above address during normal weekday business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Comments may be mailed electronically, in a common digital format, at comments-southern-ouachita-mena-oden@fs.fed.us. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request §218.24(b)(8).

Please state "Board Camp Project Area" in the subject line when providing electronic comments, or on the envelope when replying by mail.